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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

Appointing the Distribution of Prizes taken during the Continuance of the Rebellion now subsisting in divers Parts of the Continent of North America.

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WHEREAS by an Act, made in this present Session of Parliament, intituled, "An Act to prohibit all Trade and Inter-
course with the Colonies of New Hampshire, Massachusset's Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, the Three Lower Counties on Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, during the Continuance of the present Rebellion within the said Colonies respectively; for repealing an Act, made in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, to discontinue the Landing and Discharging, Lading or Shipping, of Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, at the Town and within the Harbour of Boston, in the Province of Massachusset's Bay; and also Two Acts, made in the last Session of Parliament, for restraining the Trade and Commerce of the Colonies in the said Acts respectively mentioned; and to enable any Person or Persons, appointed and authorized by His Majesty, to grant Pardons, to issue Proclamations, in the Cases and for the Purposes therein mentioned;" it is, amongst other Things, enacted, That all Ships and Vessels of or belonging to the Inhabitants of the said Colonies, together with their Cargoes, Apparel, and Furniture, except as in the said Act are excepted; and all other Ships and Vessels whatsoever, together with their Cargoes, Apparel, and Furniture, which shall be found trading in any Port or Place of the said Colonies, or going to trade, or coming from Trading, in any such Port or Place, except as are therein also excepted, shall become forfeited to His Majesty, as if the same were the Ships and Effects of Open Enemies, and shall be so adjudged, deemed, and taken, in all Courts of Admiralty, and in all other Courts whatsoever: And, for the Encouragement of the Officers and Seamen of His Majesty's Ships of War, it is thereby also further enacted, That the Flag Officers, Captains, Commanders, and other commissioned Officers in His Majesty's Pay, and also the Seamen, Marines, and Soldiers on Board, shall have the sole Interest and Property of and in all and every such Ship, Vessel, Goods, and Merchandize, which they shall seize and take, (being first adjudged lawful Prize in any of His Majesty's Courts of Admiralty) to be divided in such Proportions, and after such Manner, as His Majesty shall think fit to order and direct by Proclamation or Proclamations hereafter to be issued for those Purposes: We, taking the Premises into Consideration, do, pursuant to the said Act of Parliament, (with the Advice of Our Privy Council) by this Our Proclamation, order, direct, and appoint, That the neat Produce of all Prizes taken, in Pursuance of the said Act, by Our Ships of War, be divided into Eight equal Parts, and be distributed in Manner following, that is to say, To the Captain or Captains of any of Our Ships of War, who shall be actually on Board at the Taking of any Prize, Three Eighth Parts; but in case any such Prize shall be taken by any of Our Ship or Ships of War, under the Command of a Flag or Flags, the Flag Officer or Officers being actually on Board, or directing and assisting in the Capture, shall have One of the said

Three Eighth Parts, the said One Eighth Part to be paid to such Flag or Flag Officers, in such Proportions, and subject to such Regulations, as are herein-after for that Purpose mentioned: To the Captains of Marines and Land Forces, Sea Lieutenants and Master, on Board any such Ships, One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongst them: To the Lieutenants and Quarter-Masters of Marines, and Lieutenants, Ensigns, and Quarter-Masters of Land Forces, Boatswain, Gunner, Purser, Carpenter, Master's Mate, Chirurgion, Pilot, and Chaplain, on Board any such Ship, One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongst them: To the Midshipmen, Secretary to Flag Officers, Captain's Clerk, Master Sail Maker, Carpenter's Mates, Boatswain's Mates, Gunner's Mates, Master at Arms, Corporals, Yeomen of the Sheets, Coxswain, Quarter Masters, Quarter Master's Mates, Chirurgion's Mates, Yeomen of the Powder Room, and Serjeants of Marines on Land Forces, on Board any such Ships, One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongst them: To the Trumpeters, Quarter-Gunners, Carpenter's Crew, Steward, Cook, Armourer, Steward's Mate, Cook's Mate, Gunsmith, Cooper, Swabber, Ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, Able Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, and Marine or other Soldiers, and all other Persons doing Duty or assisting on Board any such Ships, Two Eighth Parts, to be equally divided amongst them. And in case any Sea Captain, inferior Commission or Warrant Sea Officers belonging to any Ship of War, for whom any Shares of Prizes are hereby allowed, be absent at the Time of the Capture of any Prize, the Share of such Sea Captain, inferior Commission or Warrant Sea Officer, shall be cast into the Shares hereby allowed to the Trumpeters, Quarter Gunners, Carpenter's Crew, Steward, Cook, Armourer, Steward's Mate, Cook's Mate, Gunsmith, Cooper, Swabber, Ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, Able Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, and Marine or other Soldiers, and other Persons doing Duty or assisting on Board any such Ships, to be equally divided amongst them. Provided, That if any Officer or Officers on Board any of Our Ships of War, at the Time of taking any such Prizes, shall have more Commissions or Offices than one, he or they shall be intitled only to the Share or Shares of the said Prizes, which, according to the above-mentioned Distribution, shall belong to his or their respective superior Commissions or Offices. And We do hereby strictly enjoin all and every Commander and Commanders of any Ships of War, taking any Prize, as soon as may be, to transmit, or cause to be transmitted, to the Commissioners of Our Navy, a true List of the Names of all the Officers, Seamen, Marines, Soldiers, or others, who were actually on Board Our Ships of War, under his or their Command, at the taking such Prize; which List shall contain the Quality of the Service of each Person on Board, and be subscribed by the Captain or Commanding Officer, and Three or more of the Chief Officers on Board. And We do hereby require and direct the Commissioners of Our Navy, or any Three or more of them, to examine, or cause to be examined, such Lists by the Muster-Books of such Ships of War, and Lists annexed thereto, to see that such Lists do agree with the said Muster-Book, and annexed Lists, as to the Names, Qualities, or Ratings of the Officers, Seamen, Marines, Soldiers, and others belonging to such Ship of War; and, upon Request, forthwith to grant a Certificate of the Truth of any List transmitted to them, to the Agents nominated and appointed by the Captors, pursuant to the said Act, to take Care or disp. of such Prizes, and

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also, upon Application to them, to give, or cause to be given, unto the Agents who shall, at any Time or Times, be appointed as aforesaid by the Captors, all such Lists from the Muster-Books of any such Ships of War, and annexed Lists, as the said Agents shall find requisite for their Direction in paying the Produce of such Prizes, and to be otherwise aiding and assisting to the said Agents, as shall be necessary. And as touching the said One Eighth Part, herein before mentioned to be granted to the Flag or Flag-Officers, who shall be actually on Board at the Taking of any Prize, or shall be directing and assisting therein, We have thought fit, and do, by these Presents, publish, order, and declare, that the following Regulations be observed; First, That a Flag Officer commanding in Chief, where there is but One Flag Officer upon Service, shall have to his own Use the said One Eighth Part of the Prizes taken by Ships under his Command: Secondly, That a Flag Officer sent to command at Jamaica, or elsewhere, shall have no Right to any Share of the Prizes taken by Ships employed there, before he arrives at the Place to which he is sent, and actually takes upon him the Command: Thirdly, That when an inferior Flag Officer is sent out to reinforce a superior Flag Officer at Jamaica, or elsewhere, the said superior Flag Officer shall have no Right to any Share in the Prizes taken by them before they arrive within the Limits of his Command, and actually receive some Orders from him: Fourthly, That a Chief Flag Officer returning Home from Jamaica, or elsewhere, shall have no Share of the Prizes taken by the Ships left behind to act under another Command: Fifthly, That if a Flag Officer is sent to command in the Out-ports of this Kingdom, he shall have no Share of the Prizes taken by Ships that sailed from that Port, by Order from the Admiralty: Sixthly, That when more Flag Officers than One serve together, the Eighth Part of the Prizes taken by any Ships of the Fleet, or Squadron, shall be divided in the following Proportions; videlicet, If there be but Two Flag Officers, the Chief shall have Two Third Parts of the said One Eighth Part, and the other shall have the remaining Third Part; but if the Number of Flag Officers be more than Two, the Chief shall have only One Half, and the other Half shall be divided equally among the other Flag Officers: Seventhly, That Commodores, with Captains under them, shall be esteemed as Flag Officers, with respect to their Right to an Eighth Part of Prizes taken, whether commanding in Chief, or serving under Command.

Given at our Court, at St. James's, the Twenty-second Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, in the Sixteenth Year of Our

Reign. GOD save the KING.

St. James's, December 30,

The following Address of the Justices of the Peace, Freeholders, and Commissioners of the Land Tax, of the County of Peebles, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir Robert Murray Keith, Knight of the Bath, their Representative in Parliament, being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's Bed-Chamber in Waiting: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING's most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the Justices of the Peace, Freeholders, and Commissioners of the Land Tax, of the County of Peebles.

WE, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects, the Justices of the Peace, Freeholders, and Commissioners of the Land Tax, of the County of Peebles, beg Leave, upon the present very serious and alarming Occasion, to express, with perfect Unanimity, that warm Affection and Gratitude which we have and owe to your Royal Person, under whose auspicious Government we feel, in common with all your Majesty's Subjects, every Blessing that the best Laws, executed by the best of Kings, can possibly produce.

We lament the Situation of those of your Majesty's Subjects in America, who, by the Artifices and false Suggestions of designing Men, have been induced to go into Rebellion, from the groundless Apprehensions of their Property being rendered precarious, and their

Liberties destroyed, by their submitting to be taxed by the British Legislature.

We detest all the illegal and disloyal Artifices that have been used for seducing your Majesty's American Subjects, not only to violate the Law in the Destruction of Private Property, but also to resist and destroy all legal Authority, and at last, by open Rebellion, even to dispute the Sovereignty of the British Legislature.

We likewise beg Leave to testify our Disapprobation and Dislike of all the licentious, seditious, and poisonous Doctrines, which have of late been maintained and published, either by speaking or writing, that have a Tendency, at this critical Juncture, to add to the Deception of the deluded People of America, by making them believe that their Rebellion is lawful, and approved of by the Subjects of Britain.

We confide in the Wisdom of your Majesty's Councils, aided and supported by your Parliament, and in the Valour of your Majesty's Arms, that every proper Means will be used successfully, under the kind Protection of Heaven, for bringing our deluded Fellow-Subjects of America to a just Sense of their Duty of Obedience to the supreme Legislative Authority of these Kingdoms, and to eradicate those groundless Apprehensions that seem to have inflamed their Minds; that the Reconciliation may be sincere and permanent; and we beg Leave to assure your Majesty of our Wish and most earnest Desire to exert every Means we can to strengthen the Power of your Government.

We pray God, that your Majesty may long reign over us; and that the British Dominions, united in your Reign, may be transmitted in that State to your Majesty's latest Posterity.

Signed, in our Name, and by our Appointment, at Peebles, the 14th of December, 1775.

Ja. Montgomery.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, December 30, 1775.

Notice is hereby given, That there will be a Drawing Room at St. James's on Monday next, being New Year's Day, on which Account there will be no Drawing Room there on the Thursday following.

Vienna, December 16. His Royal Highness the Archduke Maximilian returned hither on Thursday, in perfect Health, from his Tour through Italy.

Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich,

December 23, 1775.

THE Commissioners of the said Royal Hospital do hereby give Notice, that at Salters-Hall in London, on Wednesday the 16th Day of June next, or as soon after as may be, the following Estates will be let on Lease, to commence the 12th Day of May, 1776, viz. Kirkbank Close and the East Side of Greens Croft, Part of Maggees Lands, now in the Tenure or Occupation of John Elliot; that Part of Haydon West Leigh, also Part of Maggees Lands, now in the Tenure or Occupation of William Wear; that Part of Haydon Town Farm, now in the Tenure or Occupation of the Representatives of Mr. Francis Stokoe, or their Under-Tenants; that Part of Millhills, now in the Tenure or Occupation of Michael Topping and Ann Brown; Gibson's Farm at Fourstones, now in the Tenure or Occupation of George Gibson and others; Lambert's Farm at Fourstones, now in the Tenure or Occupation of Cuthbert Lambert; Peetwell, now in the Tenure or Occupation of Henry Atkinson; Whitfield's Tenement, now in the Tenure or Occupation of the said Henry Atkinson; that Part of Altonside Farm, held by Agreement for Ninety-nine Years, now in the Tenure or Occupation of the Representatives of Thomas Walker; Baggeraw Farm, now in the Tenure or Occupation of George Jackson's Representatives, and the Tythes arising and renewing within four Closes or Parcels of Ground at Broxfield, called the Fore Fields, and the Tythe Hay of the Stank, and the Meadow thereunto adjoining, known by the Name of Ginfeld or Ginesfeld, alias the Gilfen Meadow, now in the Tenure or Occupation of Michael Doubleday, Esq; all which Premises are in the County of Northumberland; and Kefwick Tythes,

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TO be sold, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before William Graves, Esq. one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond-street, Chancery-lane, London, Divers Pieces or Parcels of Land lying in the Levels of Havering and Dagenham in the County of Essex, containing in the whole 275 Acres, 3 Roods, 8 Poles, or thereabouts, commonly called the Doerred Lands. Particulars whereof may be had at the said Master's Chambers; and of Mr. Mountague, at the Accountants Office in the South Sea House, where the Map and Survey may be seen; of Mess. Biddow and Winterbottom, at Messrs. Taylors Hall; and of Mr. Newton, Aldersbury, London.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against William Bloom, late of Oxford-street in the County of Middlesex, Linen-draper, Dealer and Chapman, are desired to meet the Assignees of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects, on Tuesday the 2d of January next, at Six o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the Half Moon Tavern in Cheapside, London, to assent to or dissent from the said Assignees commencing, prosecuting, or defending, one or more Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity concerning the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; or to their compounding, submitting to Arbitration, or otherwise agreeing, any Matter in Dispute relating thereto; and on other special Affairs.

THE Creditors of Mr. William Collett, late of Walbrook, Linen-Draper, deceased, may receive a Further Dividend of Five Shillings in the Pound on their respective Debts, by applying to Mess. Webster and Son, at No 25, Queen-Street, Cheapside, any Saturday between the Hours of Ten in the Morning and Two in the Afternoon.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against John Waterfield, of the Parish of St. Mary Lambeth in the County of Surry, Innholder, Vintner, Dealer and Chapman, are desired to meet the Assignees of the said Bankrupt's Estate, on Wednesday next, the 3d of January, at Five of the Clock in the Evening, at the King's Arms Tavern in Palace-yard, Westminster, in order to assent to or dissent from their commencing, prosecuting, or defending, any Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity for recovering any Part of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; or to their compounding, submitting to Arbitration, or otherwise agreeing, any Matter or Thing relating thereto; and to consider and give Directions to the Assignees for Sale of the Interest in the Premises belonging to the Bankrupt.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded, and issued forth against Richard Cox, in the Parish of Twining in the County of Gloucester, Malster, Baker, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 23d and 24th Days of January next, and on the 10th Day of February following, at Eleven in the Forenoon on each Day, at the House of Mary Rhoden, called Steurport Inn, in Kidderminster in the County of Worcester, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to choose Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. William Wheeler, Attorney, at Winterfold near Kidderminster.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against Robert Bogle the Elder, Robert Bogle the Younger, and William Scott, of Love-lane, Eastcheap, London, Merchants and Partners, intend to meet on the 12th Day of February next, at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Further Dividend of the said Bankrupts Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend. And all Claims not then proved will be disallowed.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against John Trilock, of Church-street

in the Parish of Hackney in the County of Middlesex, Butcher, Dealer and Chapman, intend to meet on the 24th Day of January next, at Ten in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend. And all Claims not then proved will be disallowed.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against Ralph Ranson, of Wigan in the County of Lancashire, Clerk-manufacturer, Dealer and Chapman, intend to meet on the 30th Day of January next, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, at the Windmill Tavern, in Manchester in the said County, to make a Final Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend. And all Claims not then proved will be disallowed.

WHEREAS the acting Commissioners in the Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Robert Barber, of Great Yarmouth in the County of Norfolk, Malster and Corn-Merchant, have certified to the Right Honourable Henry Earl Bathurst, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that said Robert Barber hath in all Things conformed according to the Directions of several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice, that by virtue of an Act passed in the Fifth Year of his late Majesty's Regn, his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Act directs, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 20th Day of January next.

THE following Persons being Fugitives for Debt and beyond the Seas, on the TWENTY-EIGHTH Day of APRIL, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-four, and having surrendered themselves to the Goalers or Keepers of the respective Prisons or Goals hereafter-mentioned, do hereby give Notice, That they intend to take the Benefit of an Act of Parliament, passed in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King George the Third, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors; and for the Relief of Bankrupts in certain Cases*; at the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held in and for the County, Riding, Division, City, Town, Liberty, or Place, or any Adjournment thereof, which shall happen next after THIRTY Days from the FIRST Publication of the under-mentioned Names, viz.

Fugitive surrendered to the Keeper of the KING's BENCH Prison in the County of Surry.

Third Notice.

William Wilson, formerly of Chiswell-street in the County of Middlesex, late of Dublin in Ireland, Victualler.

Fugitive surrendered to the Warden of His Majesty's Prison of the FLEET.

Second Notice.

Richard Ryan, formerly of Upper Thames-street, London, late of Dublin in Ireland, Gentleman.

N.B. If any Person in the foregoing List of Prisoners shall find, on the Perusal of this Gazette, that there is any Error, such Error shall, upon Notice, be rectified in the next Gazette Graue.

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